

# **IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 22nd January 2017**

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## **Cups and Trophies**

With the AGM coming soon, the 2016 Cup and Trophy award holders are asked to return their awards as soon as possible, so that the Awards Curator Larry McGriskin EI9CN can prepare them for the new recipients at the AGM 2017 awards ceremony in Dundalk. Cups and Trophies can be returned to any IRTS Committee Member.

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## **IRTS Awards Nominations**

Nominations are being sought for "Awards for Services to the Society or to Amateur Radio" and "Awards to IRTS members for other Achievements. Submissions are welcome and should be sent to Jim Holohan EI4HH, Awards Manager. Email holohaj2 /at/ hotmail.com.

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## **Annual General Meeting, diary date**

A date for your diary: the 85th Annual General Meeting of the Irish Radio Transmitters Society will be hosted by the Dundalk Amateur Radio Society over the weekend of 8/9 April 2017, in the Crowne Plaza, Green Park, Dundalk. More details in future news bulletins.

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## **South Dublin Radio Club**

Classes have begun for the theory test for the Radio licence at the club and it's not too late to join. Simply register your interest through the 'contact us' section of the website and show up this Tuesday from 8.30pm at the Ballyroan Community Centre on the Marian Road in Rathfarnham in Dublin.

The good news is the odds of passing the exam are high with the seven people from the last session all have passed the exam and all now have their new EI callsigns.

Visitors are always welcome to drop by even to have a chat and learn more.

[www.southdublinradioclub.ie](http://www.southdublinradioclub.ie)

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## **Tipperary Amateur Radio Group**

The next meeting of the Tipperary Amateur Radio Group will take place in The Park Hotel, Clonmel on Tuesday the 24th of January 2017 at 8pm.

This meeting is open to all and Short Wave Listeners are in particular very welcome to attend. A number of radio related topics are up for discussion as well as plans for participation in up coming events for 2017.

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## **South Eastern Amateur Radio Group**

The January meeting of the South Eastern Amateur Radio Group will take place in the Roanmore Social and Sports Centre, Cleaboy Road, Waterford on Monday 30th January at 8p.m. New members or anyone interested in learning more about amateur radio are very welcome to attend.

For anyone that wishes to find out more about the South Eastern Amateur Radio Group and its activities you can come along to any of our meetings. You can check our website [www.searg.ie](http://www.searg.ie) and you can also follow join us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter.

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## **Dundalk Amateur Radio Society - Shacks Photography Competition.**

The 1st March 2017 is the closing date for the DARS photography competition. All entries must be submitted by 5pm on that date. As it is a photographic competition emphasis is placed on on a quality photograph. Any shack of any size is eligible from EI/GI or SWL stationed within Ireland.

You must email your photograph of no less than 1meg and no more than 3meg in jpeg format to myshack /at/ ei7dar.com

You must submit your shack photo alongside a small monetary fee of €5.

For your convenience you are asked to make the payment through Paypal, at [www.ei7dar.com](http://www.ei7dar.com), payment via Postal Order/Bank Draft are also acceptable details issued on receipt of entree.

All entrees are also entered for a raffle for a Handheld Radio.

Winners will be announced at the 2017 IRTS AGM in Dundalk. Full details at

[ei7dar.com/shackcomp.html](http://ei7dar.com/shackcomp.html)

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### **Limerick Radio Club - Radio Rally**

The Limerick Radio Club will take place on Sunday 12th March 2017 in the Radisson Blu Hotel, Ennis Road, Limerick. Doors open at 11am. Tables are free and you are asked to contact Michael EI2IX on michaelkingston /at/ eircom.net . Please look up the website [www.limerickradioclub.com](http://www.limerickradioclub.com)

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### **Phoenix Rally**

The Phoenix Amateur Radio Club Rally takes place on Sunday 19th February in the Coolmine Community School, Grove Road, Blanchardstown. Doors open at 10am. In recent years, the Phoenix rally has been the only radio rally in the Dublin area, so it is always well attended. To book a table contact Tony at 087-243 9997.

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### **DX News**

Steve W3HF will be QRV from the U.S. Base on Diego Garcia in the Chagos Archipelago from 20th to 27th January. This will be a spare time operation and QSLs go via the home call.

Peter HA3AUI will be visiting Guinea-Bissau and Senegal between now and early March. Callsigns to look for are J5UAP and 6W2SC. Operation will be on CW and QSLs are requested directly to his home call.

An experienced group of German operators will activate TU5MH from the Ivory Coast from 22nd January until 2nd February. They will have three stations and will be on 80m to 10m on CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via Club Log OQRS and logs will also be uploaded to Logbook of The World.

An expedition by members of a Dominican Republic club will put Beata Island on the air from 25th January until 1st February. The callsign will be HI1UD and the IOTA reference is NA-122. The QSL Manager is W2CCW.

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Items for inclusion in next week's Radio News can be submitted via e-mail to "newsteam /at/ irts / dot / ie" for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Urgent news items for the radio news may be telephoned to the radio

news editor, Aidan, EI7JC on 085 7100511.

Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday's bulletin.

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